

**Announcement No: LD-08-FinCEN-1**  
**Opening Date: January, 14 2008**  
**Closing Date: February 4, 2008**

**NOTICE OF VACANCY**  
**LEGAL DIVISION**

**TITLE OF POSITION:** Attorney-Advisor  
GS-905-12/13/14  
(Promotion potential to GS-15)

**OFFICE OR BUREAU:** Office of the Chief Counsel  
Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

**LOCATION:** Vienna, Virginia

**APPLICATIONS WILL**

**BE ACCEPTED FROM:** All qualified applicants (All Sources)

**If you previously applied for this position dated September 2007 under LD-07-FinCEN 1, your application is still under review. You do not need to submit another application.**

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Office of Chief Counsel of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) is soliciting resumés from attorneys in practice for an immediate opening.

Created in 1990, FinCEN serves as the nation's central point for financial intelligence and information sharing to support investigations of money laundering and other financially-based crimes. Its clients include federal, state, and local law enforcement and financial regulatory agencies, and, in some situations, similar agencies in other countries. As part of its mission, FinCEN administers the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA). The BSA authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue rules requiring financial institutions to keep account and transaction records, to report certain transactions to the Department of the Treasury, and to implement counter-money laundering programs and compliance procedures. As amended in October 2001 by the USA Patriot Act, the BSA requires FinCEN to develop anti-money laundering program requirements aimed specifically at the financing of international terrorism.

The Office of Chief Counsel consists of ten attorneys and one legal assistant. FinCEN attorneys perform a variety of work, such as drafting and interpreting BSA regulations, drafting memoranda of understanding for the sharing of financial intelligence between FinCEN and other federal, state, local, and foreign agencies, participating in special agency projects, and advising on legal issues raised by the new cyber-payment systems and international agreements relating to counter-money laundering efforts. FinCEN attorneys also provide legal advice on information

privacy issues arising under the Right to Financial Privacy Act, the Privacy Act, and the Freedom of Information Act; handle legal issues involving procurement, employment, and copyright law; and prepare briefs and pleadings in support of litigation affecting the agency. In an agency of approximately 300 people, FinCEN attorneys receive a great deal of client contact. It is important to note that while FinCEN attorneys handle legal issues involving law enforcement, they do not prosecute.

FinCEN is located at Tyson's Corner, a busy commercial suburb located approximately 14 miles west of the District of Columbia. While commuting to FinCEN from the District is easiest by car and parking is free, limited public transportation is available.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from an accredited law school and active bar membership are required as well as excellent written and oral communication skills. A clerkship with a federal judge is desirable, but not required.

It is helpful but not required for applicants to have some knowledge of the laws relating to money laundering, the regulation of financial institutions, and the law enforcement activities of the Department of the Treasury.

An understanding of administrative law and federal privacy and information law is also helpful.

### **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS VACANCY:**

**Background Investigation:** This position is a critical sensitive position that requires a Top Secret clearance, and the tentative selectee must undergo and successfully complete a Single Scope Background Investigation (SSBI) as a condition of placement/retention in the position.

**Drug Screening:** The position has been identified as a Testing Designated Position under the U.S. Customs Service, Drug-Free Workplace Program. Satisfactory completion of the drug test is a condition of placement and/or employment in the position and incumbents of this position are, thereafter, subject to Random Drug Screening.

Statement of Employment and Financial Interests will be required from the successful candidate.

All candidates **MUST** be citizens of the United States and present proof of citizenship, if selected.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Interested persons should apply by electronically submitting a cover letter and resumé to [legalvacancy@fincen.gov](mailto:legalvacancy@fincen.gov). You may also apply in writing to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Office of Chief Counsel, Post Office Box 39, Vienna, Virginia 22183-0039, Attention: Attorney Job Announcement, No. **LD-08-FinCEN-1**. At this time, **PLEASE DO NOT**

**ATTACH ANY WRITING SAMPLES** with your submission. Please do not add your social security number to the announcement.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008, AND RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008. APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**Please Note:** In accordance with 18 U.S.C. 1719 and 39 U.S.C. 3201, applications mailed in a Federal agency postage-paid envelope (penalty mail) will not be considered.

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The Office of the General Counsel provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the point of contact listed on this vacancy announcement.

This vacancy announcement is issued in accordance with the provisions of General Counsel Directive No. 2 (Revised), Appointment and Promotion of Attorneys, dated September 1, 1986. Applicants will receive consideration regardless of race, creed, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or any other non-merit reason.